

## SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

### SARL NEWS SUNDAY 01 SEPTEMBER 2002

You are listening to Amateur Radio Station ZS6SRL of the South African Radio League, the National society for Amateur Radio in South Africa, with a news bulletin that is broadcast every Sunday at 08:15 Central Africa Time (CAT) in Afrikaans and at 08:30 CAT in English.

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SARL news invites clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to amateurs to [sarlnews@hotmail.com](mailto:sarlnews@hotmail.com) not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. It would be appreciated if you could do it in both English and Afrikaans.

In the news today:

SARL HF PHONE CONTEST RESULTS DELAYED

DXCC APPLICATIONS DEADLINE ANNOUNCED

REGISTRATION OF RAE CENTRES

BOOK SHOP SPECIAL OFFERS

Stay tuned for more details on these and other news items.

You are tuned to ZS6SRL. Visit the SARL Website or call the SARL office which is open on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00 at 011 675 2393 for details on how to join, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

### CW CONTEST LOGS

Participants of the SARL HF CW contest held on Sunday 25 August are reminded that the only address to use for the submission of log summaries and log sheets is The Contest Committee, PO Box 12104, Brandhof, 9324 or by e-mail to [hfcontest@netactive.co.za](mailto:hfcontest@netactive.co.za).

### RESULTS OF THE SARL HF PHONE CONTEST

The results of the SARL HF Phone Contest held on 04 August 2002 have been delayed. Following the publishing of the provisional results, it has come to the attention of the HF Contest Committee that not all the logssheets have been received, due to the sudden change in address for the Contest Committee. The Committee will follow up on the lost logs and hopefully be able to publish the final results during the coming week.

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#### DXCC - 31 SEPTEMBER DEADLINE

The ARRL's DX Century Club programme has been the premier awards programme for DXers for the past half century. DXCC is the prime benchmark against which DXing achievement is measured. Various endorsements and separate awards are available to recognise achievements on specific modes and bands, in addition to the basic award.

With the DXCC rule changes implemented in 2000, provision has been made for field checking in countries outside the USA. South Africa became one of the first countries with a field checker, with the appointment of Tjerk Lammers ZS6P, the SARL Awards Manager.

Tjerk can now check all QSL cards for DXCC credits, except for 160 m contacts, contacts with deleted countries or contacts older than ten years. Tjerk will accept cards by mail, or by prior arrangement in person. Remember to include sufficient postage to allow Tjerk to return your cards and mail the application to the ARRL.

With the annual submission deadline in September, there is likely to be a rush of submissions around that date. Because careful scrutiny of the cards takes time, Tjerk may well be inundated by more cards than he can handle at that time. It makes sense to send your application now! Please contact Tjerk directly at tjerk@iafrica.com or at (012) 809-0006 (H)

#### REGISTRATION OF RAE CENTRES

A reminder to clubs that they must register now to be able to act as an examination centres during the October RAE. The registration can only be done on the SARL website at [www.sarl.org.za](http://www.sarl.org.za). The required examination centre information must reach the examiner before 10 September 2002. After this date the candidates are allocated to the registered examination centres. To date Pretoria, Cape Town, East London and Mossel Bay have registered.

#### NEXT RAE

The next RAE takes place on 17 October 2002. the closing date for the examination is 10 September. The application forms are available on the SARL website and NO late applications will be accepted. Applications received after 10 September 2002 will automatically be held over until the first RAE in 2003.

#### SARL VHF/UHF CONTEST

The second leg of the SARL VHF/UHF Contest will be held over the weekend of 21 and 22 September 2002, starting at 12:00 CAT on the Saturday and ending 24 hours later at 12:00 CAT on the Sunday. Activity will be on the 6 metre, 2 metre, 70 cm and 23 cm amateur bands. The rules of the contest as well as the general rules for SARL contests are available on the SARL website at

www.sarl.org.za. Nico ZS4NS has written a Windows programme that will assist you in the logging and scoring of this contact. SARLVU can be downloaded from the SARL website.

#### BOOKSHOP SPECIAL

The SARL bookshop is running a special offer on three books. These books are offered below cost to members to clear stock and the offer will be valid until the books are all sold. Because of the changing nature of the market for books, the SARL bookshop will no longer stock these books.

The first book is "Understanding Basic Electronics". As the name implies, it is a course in basic electronics and as such is applicable to the field of amateur radio. It has close to 400 pages, is well illustrated and will make a good addition to the bookshelf in any shack.

The second offer is on W1FB's Design Notebook. This is by Doug De Maw and is a must have for hams who experiment with electronics.

The last book on sale is by the same author. It is "W1FB's QRP Notebook". This book contains simple, easy to construct QRP circuits.

Each of these books is on offer for fifty rand. At a time when even a small paperback costs more than a hundred rand, this is excellent value for money.

Phone Debbie at 011 675 2393 to check on the stock position. Hams who cannot visit the NARC to buy the books must add postage to their payment.

#### NEXT BAND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Band Planning Committee meeting will be held on Saturday 7th September 2002 at the NARC, and will start at 09:00. This is a meeting for all those interested in the Division 6 area. See you there.

#### SARL AGM 2003

At the executive meeting of the SARL Council held in Bloemfontein on 25 August 2002 it was decided that the Bloemfontein Radio Amateur Club would host the SARL AGM in Bloemfontein during April 2003.

#### REGISTRATION OF EDUCATIONAL STATIONS

The registration of stations as educational stations must be renewed every year and is valid July until June of the following year. A seven day notice must be given when non-amateurs are going to operate any special event station. Special arrangements for JOTA and CQ Hou Koers must be made with Dave Gemmell and Louis Kruger respectively. Their contact details can be found in Radio ZS, Dave under 'Radio Scouting' and Louis under 'Die Voortrekkers'.

#### CLUB NEWS

#### ZULULAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The Zululand Amateur Radio Club held their Annual General Meeting in Richards Bay on 17th August when the following Office bearers were appointed:

Chairman Ty Ferguson ZS5TT; Vice Chairman Jan Erasmus ZS5G; Secretary and Treasurer Willie Axford ZS5WI; Newsletter Editor Jo Snyders ZR5PO; Committee member Warren Snyders ZR5WO.

The Chairman thanked the outgoing committee and members for their sterling work over the past twelve months and welcomed the newly elected office bearers. The Zululand Amateur Radio Club is pleased to announce that the decision to affiliate to the SARL for a further twelve months was passed unanimously.

#### SANDTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The Sandton Amateur Radio Club is pleased to announce the election of the following Committee members at their AGM held on 3 August 2002:

Chairman: Peter Hers ZS6PHD Vice-chairman: Graham Hartlett ZR6GJH Secretary/treasurer Colin de Villiers ZS6COL Committee members: Jan Schubart ZS6ARV, Stretch Walters ZR6PTT, Robbie Parkinson ZS6RAP, Steve Baynes ZS6XU, Chris Ussher ZS6UC, Scamp Porter ZS6SMP, Peter Hoyle ZR6KZ, Ray Vincent-Lambert ZS6RAE, Paul Vermaak ZR6POL.

The Council thanks the outgoing committee for their loyalty and dedication to the task and congratulations to the incoming committee, may you have a prosperous year.

This bulletin was compiled by Dennis ZS4BS and read by.....from .....as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

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Also join the SARL President's net which is on the air at noon on Sundays on 7082 kHz.

You have been listening to ZS6SRL, thank you for joining us. Also a big word of thanks to those persons supply news for these bulletins and the amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone.

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